(b) did the Diwan Peishkar Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar make a special recommendation to the Government to appoint Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar as acting Tahsildar even passing over the claims of his seniors, and was it chiefly on account of this recommendation that Mr. Krishna Ayyar was then appointed to act as Tahsildar.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Mr. A. R. Raman was confirmed on Rs. 40 on 6—8—1104. Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar was then permanent in the grade of Rs. 60—80. The latter was first appointed to officiate as Tahsildar in Meenam 1107.

(b) No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether the answer to sub-division (b) 'No' refers to both parts of the question?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It applies to both. He did not make any special recommendation to appoint R. G. Krishna Ayyar passing the claims of his seniors.

Phylarial fever—Ernakulam.

341. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are the Government aware that cases of Phylarial fever at Ernakulam are on the increase ;

(b) have the Government enquired into the causes for such increase;

(c) are the Government aware that large areas of marshy lands exist at Ernakulam ,

(d) have the Government any idea to reclaim or drain such marshy lands ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. A scheme for the improvement of the low-lying places at Ernakulam on the lines suggested by Mr. R. Dann, the Town Planning Expert to the Government of Madras, is under consideration.

Mr. Paul Mampilli—Are there cases of Phylarial fever at Ernakulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government cared to enquire whether it is on the increase or decrease;

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We have not made any statistical survey.

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Mr. Paul Mampilli.—How many years ago did Mr. Dann report on the scheme ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Appointment of Committees.

342. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

whether they have promised to appoint committees to visit hospitals in the State during the discussion of a cut motion in the last budget session; if so, whether they have appointed such committees; if not, why not?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was no promise; but what the Government expressed was that they had no objection for the appointment of honorary visitors to the hospitals and that the matter will be considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether any honorary visitors were appointed to the hospitals after this ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Only to the Leper hospital and the Mental hospital.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Well, that does not arise here. There were honorary visitors to these hospitals even before the passing of the cut motion. The cut motion on the question was withdrawn on the promise made by the Government to accept the principle raised in the cut. Did the Chief Medical Officer bring this fact to the notice of the Government ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—May I know why this matter was not brought to the Government ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Usually orders are passed by the Government. We never remind the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does not the Medical Officer take any initiative in any matter connected with hospitals ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Not generally.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In the extension of the Leper Asylum I mean the Lunatic Asylum did not the Medical Officer take the initiative ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was a report to the Government from me.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The Medical Officer takes the initiative in some matters. Why did he not take any action on this matter ? Is it not his duty to inform the Government that on such and such a promise such and such a cut motion was withdrawn. We see that such visitors are appointed in all British Hospitals. It is not a new innovation here. I would like to know why he did not report the matter to the Government. Is

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